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Senator Strode Presents Taft Demands of Lead-Plan of Virginia Anti-Saloon League.

POPULAR ELECTION WANTS TO KNOW IF

Machinery Provided for Calling He Is Wise Enough to See That . and Conducting Contest. Fight Coming on School for Wayward Girls - Hotel Bill to Be Reported Favorably.

than 6 per cent, of alcohol, and must be sold by the grower and not through agents, employes or attorneys. But the prohibition against the sale of cider by the agent or employe does not apply in the county or city in which the fruit is grown or in which the cider is made.

ical, scientific or sacramental purposes.
Any citizen may appear and contest
the issuance of such license in the
same manner and for the same reason
that licenses are now contested. Such
pharmacist may sell liquor upon prescription of physicians only. The physician is to give a certificate stating
that the liquor is necessary. Punishment is provided for any physician
who may misuse his right in this respect.

The act is not made an emergency measure, and would not be in force until June 12 next.

Arguments in Sight.

The introduction of the Strode bill will open the door for a great deal of discussion before the General Assembly. Public hearings will doubtless be had before committees, and more or less acrimonious debate is likely to ensue. If the bill ever reaches the floor of either House it will mean be interesting.

arguments which will, to say the least, be interesting.

Some discussion was had upon the introduction of the bill as to its reference to the committee. It was suggested that it should go to the Committee on Finance, where it will probably be sent later. That body would be compelled, in ease of the passage of the bill, to either cut its appropriations largely for State departments and institutions or clse must lovy increased taxes upon the people of the State. The liquor license bill, which has already passed the Senate, would be of no avail so far as 1911 is concerned. The latter is the year in which many new institutions, which they must do without this year because of the depicted condition of the State treasury.

Girls' Home Bill Opposed.

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It developed yesterday that the House is in for a discussion of the bill extending State aid to the proposed Virginia Home and Industrial School for Girls. At the moment when it was reached, and when some of the members wanted to adjourn, Mr. Williams of Giles, stated that he intended to vigorously oppose the measure. A debate being in sight, the House decided to postpone it until to-morrow.

This bill appropriates 50 cents a day from the State treasury for every wayward or incorrigible girl who becomes an immate after the home is established.

an inmate after the home is established. an inmate after the home is established. It has had an uninterrupted course so far through the commutee and in the House. The notice of the opposition of Mr. Williams therefore came somewhat as a surprise. There is, however, nothing inconsistent about his position, for he said in the beginning of the session that he intended to safe-guard the treasury against any expense which could possibly be preventpense which could possibly be prevented. It is presumed that this is his reason for epposition.

Hotel Bill Reported. Hetel Bill Reported.

It will be good news to the drummors that after two assions yesterday of the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns it was decided to report the hotel bill favorably. The measure as finally adopted was accepted by the hotel men. It is said that this will be the only statute on the Virginia law books which applies

that this will be the min state the Virginia law books which applies to commercial travelers.

A resolution offered in the House yesterday has for its purpose the permanent dedication of the old House

OFFERED IN SENATE MUST BE PUT ASIDE

ers Thorough Investigation of Prices.

CALLED BYPETITION | TARIFF IS TO BLAME

It Will Do Administration Harm to Conceal Any of the Facts-Senate Pre-

Presenting to the General Assembly the program of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League, together with machin-ery to carry out the plan, Senator Strode yesterday introduced a bill providing for an election by all the qualified voters of the State on the subject of State-wide prohibition, to be held whenever petitioned for by a number of votera equal to 25 per cent, of the number voting at the preceding general election. The bill was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Clerks of courts are to examine the lists of petitioners and certify the qualifications of the persons whose names are signed to the requiset for an election. When the required number has been presented, the Governor is to issue a call for an election, giving not less than sity nor more than flinety days notice.

The votes are to be canvassed and the result presented to the Governor, if a majority of the citizens voting have voted for the continued licensing have voted for the continued licensing have voted for the continued licensing the first of the place of manufacture only, and State licenses of the citizens of the place of manufacture only, and only in packages of not less than two gallons. No wine is to be drunk or opened on the premises where sold.

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the McCumber resolution.

It is generally believed that the choice of the committee will lie between the Lodge and Elkins resolutions. Both provide for a sweeping investigation of the cost of living in this country and of the comparative cost and selling prices of articles of food and clothing in foreign coun-tries as well as in the United States.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, February 5.—Therivers and harbors bill is attracting the acute attention of practically all of Con-

to be untrue, as there will be no meet ing of the committee on Monday, be cause two of the members are on the committee to attend the funeral of Representative Lovering

Representative Lovering.

Many Are Concerned.

There is much individual concern about the scaling process to which the bill has been subjected, and through which practically every interest has been affected. Those who have been working in behalf of the deep waterways project have suffered most, though it is claimed by the Illinois and Mississippi Valley members that they "will get substantial recognition," a less certain phrase than was employed six weeks ago. If the "recognition" is not as substantial as Senator Lorimer and others think it should be, it will be the Sen-

think it should be, it will be the Sentors' mission to hoost the House apportionment when the bill gets to the Senate, Already there is manifest a disposition to make large increases by the Senate, notwithstanding the frequent White House warning of "be economical".

economical. conomical."

There is excitement also over another "pork barrel" bill, namely that making appropriations for buildings and grounds. In that case, though, the excitement is because from present indications there is not to be any bill at all. Requests for public buildings have come in aggregating \$110ings have come in aggregating \$110,-000,000, but thus far Chairman Bar-

thold, of the committee, has managed to sit comfortably and safely upon all of them, it being his notion that all money available should go this year to the rivers and harbors.

Eleven Miners Perish.

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Sommercial trayelers.

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WHITEWASH BRUSH FAILS TO EXERCISE GRILLS AND ROASTS MORAL RESTRAINT ARE HANDED ROUND

Welfare Committee Gridironers Spare None Charges Barringer With Carelessness.

'HAS NO CONTROL INSURGENTS AND OVER STUDENTS"

represented Conditions at Institute-Fifty Printed Pages Tell of Alumni Grievance Against President of V. P. I.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute, is declared to shave misrepresented conditions at the institute, and is alleged to-night at the New Willard was the to have declined information to the silver committee appointed by the alumni to committee appointed by the animate of investigate conditions, according to the report of the welfare committee, made public yesterday morning. The president is said to lack tact and initiative, is said to have made speeches that were not creditable to the institute, to have violated the rules of the testitute and to have impored the conditions of the formulation of the conditions of the foundation of the club. Wherefor there was a great gathering of notables—a President grave and reverend Senators, frivolous flavored to the conditions of the club. Wherefor there was a great gathering of notables—a President specific the conditions of the club. Wherefor there was a great gathering of notables—a President grave and reverend Senators, further the conditions of the club. stitute, to have violated the roles of the institute, and to have ignored the heads of departments in administering the affairs of the institute. The committee also charges that he has been careless and lax in his dis-

ipline and has failed in the exercise of moral restraint over the students. These charges are made in detail, in a report that covers more than fitty printed pages. While some of the charges have already been made, othprinted pages. While some of the charges have not been in print, and are now being scanned by those who are interested in the State's technical school.

country, discussing the necessary qualifications for such an officer.

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"We purpose to prove," says the report, "that Dr. P. B. Barringer, the president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has repeatedly made erroneous and misleading statements and unwarranted deductions. We purpose to let the following evidence, submitted as preferred charges against the present administration, suggest to you the ent administration, suggest to you the probable origin and motive attached to

the number of students in various courses at Blacksburg, Dr. Barringer is said to have misrepresented the size of the institute herd, and to have published figures which deceived the board. Numbers of other matters are cited, all intended to show that Dr. Barringer would not give the board an accurate picture of conditions at Blacksburg.

Did Not Watch Legislation.
Dr. Barringer is also severely scored for not having watched the progress of legislation during the last session of the Assembly. On this point the report reads:

"And yet it appears that the

Tuesday or Wodnesday. Every representative wants to know just how large a share of the "pork barrel" is to go to his district or community, and each individual one is doing his utmost to increase that share.

There was an all-day session of the House committee to-day to hear statements in behalf of a lot of interests from different parts of the country, and which gave rise to a report that the committee was putting the finishing touches on the bill in order to report it out Monday. That report caused much excitement, but it proved to be untrue, as there will be no meet-be made to ascertain the new commission. The president of the university is the chairman and will draw up the report. Will care be taken to protect the interests of the college in this report? Has the report to a representative of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute? Will any effort to made to ascertain the nature of the be a representative of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute? Will any effort be made to ascertain the nature of the report before its submission to the Legislature? If the report should threaten injury to the college, will it be brough before it is made an act? Important questions these, demanding great watchfulness, prudence and test great watchfulness, prudence and test watchfulness, prudence and tact fulness on the part of the presider Can be meet these demands? Has

His Public Utterances.
In referring to Dr. Barringer's public biterances, the committee writes:
"The president has been very prolific "The president has been very in addresses at public gatherings covin addresses at public gatherings. Th ering a diversity of subjects. The question is, have these addresses beer of any benefit to the college? The one of any benefit to the college? The one delivered bfore the State Farmers' Institute at Richmond in 1908 was criticized by several intelligent hearers as puerile, and the one delivered at the same institute at Charlotteaville the past summer almost emptied the hall during its delivery. All of his published addresses which have come under our notice show a crudeness of thought, incapacity for clear and accurate expression and are mostly noted for their rash and dogmatic assertions. This is really not surprising, since he is presuming to speak on subjects widely removed from the profession in which his past life has been spent. It is only fair to the facts however, to remind you that President Harringer has written very little even on medical subjects which has been published."

Dr. Barringer is also said to have made important changes in the carriculum of the institute without consultation with the professors involved, and is said to have made a bad impression on the Senato Pinance Committee when he appeared before it in December.

As to Paculty Meetings. Regarding the much discussed sus-

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at Their Silver Dinner.

TRUSTS SUFFER

Declared in Report to Have Mis- Cannon "Gets His" and "Back From Elba Club" Is Fully Represented-Zelaya Comes to Take Job, but Scott C. Bone Beats Him to Presidency.

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now being scanned by those who are interested in the State's technical school.

Discuss His Fitness.

After explaining how the committee came to investigate conditions, the report discusses the qualifications which are generally deemed necessary for the president of a college like V. P. L., and declares that Dr. Barringer has not demonstrated his fitness and capacity for administering the affairs of the institute. In explaining this, the committee cites a large number of letters, received from presidents of agricultural colleges throughout the country, discussing the necessary qualifications for such an officer.

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Grilling for Insurgents.

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The insurgents got their grilling,
too, when, between courses, was rendered an affecting scene from "Uncle
Tom's Cabin," for this occasion described as "Uncle Joe's Cabin, or Life
Ameng the Insurgents." A presentment of Speaker Cannon was the clev-

helr return upon the block at auc-Finally put upon the block at auction in a dubious market, the Demo-erats and Republicans alike holding off from the bidding, the sale was stopped by orders from the White House in the shape of an emancipation proclamation, in order to secure party Roast for Trusts.

Houst for Trusts. If the insurgents were grilled, the trusts were fairly roasted in another skit, portraying the "infant industries"—the lumber, whiskey, beef, coal and tobacco trusts—seeking protection from a number of ugly-looking customers identified as "the ultimate consumers." This was a verse from one of the chants of the trust magnates, to the air of a popular sens:

Oh, the ultimate consumer always has to come to us,
'Cause he hasn't any other place

He will rise in indignation; he will make an awful fuss, 'Cause he hasn't any other place to go.

"Why are all our guests assembled here to-night in glad array? Why do Congressmen keep coming to our city, day by day? Why dld Roosevelt grab a gun and heat it clear to Africa? "Cause he hadn't any other place to

Some "Shirt-Sleeve" Diplomacy, The new order of things in

Cause he hadn't any other place to go a consider the state of the stat

New Collector of Customs



NAMED AS PLANS TO EXPLOIT PORT COLLECTOR

Railway Clerk Appointed by German House Has Vast Scheme

President Taft to Succeed Stewart.

Republican Closely Identified If Alliance Is Formed, Newport With Administration Wing Gets High Honor.

Another surprise, even more pronounced than the removal of Marshal Treat, or the reappointment of District Attorney Lewis, came yesterday with the announcement from Washington that Benjamin E. Arnold has been named by President Taft as Collector of Customs at Richmond, to succeed Joseph B. Stewart. Mr. Stewart's term of office expires next Thurstern of office expires next Thurstern of office expires next Thurstern of the did not expect any news until next week.

Mr. Arnold, who is cashier at the Ninth Street station of the Chesapeake and Ohlo Railway Company, is com-

Ninth Street station of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, is comparatively a young man, although he has been a vigorous party worker for the past fifteen years, and is known to have been affiliated with the so-called Taftites, when the President's name was first mentioned as a candidate to succeed Recognity! Among Renublians and Federal officeholders gener

The appointee is an organization The appointee is an organization man, and is a member of the executive committee of the party in Virginia, and is treasurer of the Republican Club of Richmond. He is a member of the Republican Clty Committee, and has been delegate to several State and city onventions. It is known that Mr. Ar nold's friends have been to Washington recently in his behalf, and it is said that they had the assurance several weeks ago that the change in the office at Elchmond would be made. Confirmation of the appointment will probably be made by the Senate in time for Mr. Arnold to assume his duties on the date of eventation of Mr. on the date of expiration of Mr t's term.
Made Excellent Record.

Mr. Stewart, who retires as Collector of Customs at the Port of Richmond

leaves behind him a record seldom, if ever, equaled, it is said, by any holder of a Federal office in Virginia. At the time of his appointment by McKinley, in 1901, duty collections a Mickingy, in 1801, duly contents at Richmond aggregated about \$20,000 annually, while now the receipts ex-ceed \$200,000, and the cost of collect-ing to the government is much less than at any of the rival ports. Mr. Stewart was indorsed for re-

goods direct from producers in other countries. In the nine years he has held the office, Mr. Stewart taken a holiday, and there have been few days that he has not been at his

Oldest Office-Holder

In point of service heris the oldest Federal official in Virginia, having served in various capacities, excep when the Democrats were in power when the Democrats were in power, since his appointment to the postal service soon after the war. He is sixty-eight years old, and served in the Confederate navy, and afterwards as a member of an engineering corps throughout the Civil War. "The loss of a job is something to he expected in politics," he said yesterday, "I have in politics." he said yesterday, "I have no hard feeling toward any one. I know Mr. Arnold, and believe he is worthy of the position." Mr. Stewart served in the post-office under Miss Van Lew, and was later connected with the service under

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Development. CAME AS GREAT SURPRISE MAY JOIN WITH HAWLEY

News Will Be Port of

Entry.

for Railway and Industrial

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] New York, February 5 .- The great banking house of Bleichroeder, of Berlin, one of the chief financial institutions of the world, has sent a repre sentative to the United States to inaugurate a vast scheme of transportation and industrial development in Mexico.

The Baron Hans von Bleichroeder arrived in New York from Berlin several days ago to take active direction of the huge enterprise. For about six months he will have an office in the banking house of Kissell. Kinnicut & Co., Wall Street, to work out the details of the scheme and study the railroad situation in the United States, with the view of establishing close relations between some systems in this country and the system his house purposes to build in Mexico. house purposes to build in Mexico,

New Steamship Line.
The enterprise also contemplates the establishment of a new line of steamships between New York and the ports of Germany, to be operated in connection with the proposed through rail route from Now York to the heart of Mexico. The baron intimates that negotiations looking to this consumation may be instituted with the Edwin Hawley group of railroad financiers, as well as with B. F. Yoakum, who now has lines extending from the proposed for the control of the control o who now has lines extending from St to the Mexican border

Louis to the Mexican border at Brownsville, Tex. Should this linking of United States rallroads with roads in Mexico be made, freight would be unloaded from the Bleichroader ships in New York the Bleichroeder ships in New York or Newport News to trains and trans-ported in bond across the United States to their destination in Mexico without breaking bulk, Baron von Bleichroeder, who is only

twenty-five years old and a typica Teuton in appearance and manner was seen at the Waldorf-Astoria towas seen at the Waldorf-Astoria to-day by a Times-Dispatch reporter. The baron does not speak English, and he requested that the interview be con-ducted through one of his secretaries Walter Lichtenfels. With his two see retaries the baron sits around the retaries the baron sits around the cafe of the Waldorf in democratic fashion and quaffs American beer while dictating letters, cablegrams and telegrams. Messages by wire your in upon him in a steady stream.

Studying Methods,

"The baron," said Secretary Lichtenfels, "has stopped here on his way to Mexico to study banking methods, rallroad values and methods and general financing here and in Mexico. After he acquaints himself sufficiently be will proceed to Mexico and begin

he will proceed to Mexico and begin active work on the enterprise hi banking house plans there."

"Is it his purpose to buy up one more railroads in Mexico?" was

"Is it his purpose or more railreads in Mexico?" was asked.
"Oh, no; we shall build our own lines. Just what routes will be chosen we do not yet know. The railreads in Mexico 270 owned or controlled by the government, and we could not hope to buy them. But the field there is virtually untouched. We believe there is a very great future in Mexico. It is the next great field of large development in the New World."

Midshipmen Deficient.

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Washington, D. C., February 5.—
Twenty-eight midshipmen have been found deficient in their studies as of the semi-annual examinations just concluded at Annapolis, and will be dropped from the service. The result of these examinations was communicated to the Navy Department to-day, Most of the deficients are in the first and second-year claves.

WOULD TRUSTS SOON CONTROL CENTRAL BANK

Shaw Thinks Standard Oil or Steel Would Gobble It.

TOO MUCH POWER IN HANDS OF FEW

Former Secretary of Treasury, Violently Opposes Plan of Administration-Vreeland Outlines Idea of Great Institution With Capital of \$100,000,000.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] etary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw and Representative E. B. Vreeland. chairman of the House Committee or Currency and Banking, gave their riews on the central bank question and snapped arguments back and forth this afternoon, following the "Saturday disussion luncheon" of the Republican

Mr. Vreeland outlined his scheme for central bank, which will be brought out in the forthcoming report of his commission, while Mr. Shaw explained imself as being strongly opposed to

"You might as well centralize the was the way Mr. Shaw put it. "There country's finances now. Does any one know, for instance, of any large city steel trust does not control one of more banks? They are both friends o mine," and Mr. Shaw paused for s laugh, "and if we have a central bank want them to control it; there is no

fear that they won't."

Most Important Problem.

Mr. Vreeland was introduced as the first speaker by E. J. Graigin, who presided. "It is generally conceded, he said. "that the most important economic problem now confronting our country is the reform of our banking country is the reform of our banki laws. The worst defect now is the lack of elasticity. It was this that caused the panic of 1307, which came at the height of the country's prosperity. In other words, the panic was caused by the demand for money which

able to provide because of our fron-bound system.
"In view of the lack of stability of our system, the business man is unab to look ahead and provide for credit in time of panic. This is partially the cause of the present high prices, which are fixed by producers who desire to reap profits now fearing a recurrence of hard times."

Mr. Vireland they extined his plan.

of the bank is to be appointed by

Talk Teo Gibly.

Mr. Shaw began with the remark that every one "talks glibly about elasticity, but nine out of ten men don't know what it means."

Our deal form of recomment. Stafe Our dual form of government-State and national-with conflicting laws, he

and national—with conflicting laws, he said, was the chief obstacle in the way of a central bank.

"Ample centralization and clasticity will be provided," he continued, "It the Treasury and the national banks, working in harmony, should be permitted to issue sufficient emergency currency and to provide for contraction as well as expansion of the currency."

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Referring to the ultimate control of a central bank by Standard Oll or the steel trust, with Vanderlip or E. H. Gary at its head, he said: "The party Gary at its head, he said: The party which put such power in lands of the few men at the head of these combinations would never win another election." He pointed to the tendency of the New York trust companies to consolidate as an indication of the power of the few and the said of the power of the few and the few and

of the few over the country's finance.

New York All-Powerful.

"It has been rightly said," he re "It has been rightly said," he re-marked, "that if the New York banks said that the stock of the Reading

said that the stock of the Reading Railway, for instance, was not good collateral, it would cease to be good. They can at present fix the price of any product they want to."

In the gourse of his speech Mr, Shaw mentioned the condition of the First National Bank, of Bay City, Mich., during the nanic.

ing the panie. The average New York banker," h said, "would feel as badly about the failure of the First National Bank, of Bay City, as he would over the death

Bay City, as he would over the death of an Alaskan Indian."

Mr. Shaw concluded with the statement that sufficient remedy for banking defects could be found in present institutions. The United States Treasury, he said, should be treated as a central bank, with the national banks as bunches.

central bank, with the national bank as branches.

In replying to a humber of questions that had been put, Mr. Vreeland said the tendency toward centralization was fresistible, and it was a matter reating with the people whether the government or private interests should be in control of the coming controlled.

tralized system of currency.